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SUBJ: MOD'S MASON'S INVITATION TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

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1. ON BASIS OF 9 SEPTEMBER GUIDANCE EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH MASON'S PRIVATE SECRETARY THE ITINERARY FOR SECDEF'S VISIT. THE BRITISH SUGGEST NOW THE FOLLOWING GENERAL SCENARIO: SEPT. 24 AM ARRIVE AND MORNING FREE. INFORMAL LUNCH WITH 7 PRINCIPALS FROM EACH SIDE. PM TALKS WITH SECRETARY MASON LIMITED TO TWO ON EACH SIDE FOLLOWED BY PLENARY SESSION TALKS INVOLVING NUMEROUS SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH SECDEF TO VISIT, AS CAN BE ARRANGED, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER. VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER AT 1745 IS FIRMLY SCHEDULED. EVENING FREE; SEPT. 25 AM A VISIT TO AN ARMY FIELD UNIT NEAR SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH HOSTED BY V/ADM SIR LOUIS LE BAILLY, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AT HIS HOME. PM A VISIT TO SLIMBRIDGE, A NATIONAL TRUST BIRD SANCTUARY. EXPOSURE TO NEWS MEDIA AN OPTION AFTER DAY'S ACTIVITIES, FREE EVENING. SEPT. 26 AM FREE TO ARRANGE AS SECDEF WISHES BUT TO INCLUDE AM MEETING WITH GENERAL HAIG. POSSIBLE IISS OR RIIA SCHEDULE LATE MORNING INTO EARLY LUNCH. THIS POSSIBILITY BEING EXPLORED. PM DEPART FOR COPENHAGEN. NORMALLY, BRITISH WOULD "BID FAREWELL.. AT MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE LEVEL AND HENCE WE SHOULD

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PROVIDE ETD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRECISE TIMES AND ORDER

OF MEETINGS, ETC., WILL BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS WE CAN
CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF BROAD ITINERARY ABOVE.

2. BRITISH GAVE EMBOFF IMPRESSION THAT THEY CONSIDER
"SECDEF PLUS SIX" AS SIZE OF "INVITED PARTY.. FOR MAIN
EVENTS WITH VIP DISCUSSIONS LIMITED TO TWO OR THREE
PEOPLE AT MOST ON EACH SIDE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION
OF SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH MASON AND OTHER
OFFICIALS.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER SECDEF WISHES TO
RECIPROCATATE SOCIALLY HMG'S HOSPITALITY ON EITHER OF THE
TWO FREE EVENINGS. IF SO, PLEASE CONFIRM AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM NAMES TOGETHER WITH THE RELEVANT DE-
TAILS OF SECDEF PARTY AND ANSWERS TO PARA 2 REF B. WE
HAVE BOOKED AT CHURCHILL 2 SUITES, 4 DOUBLES AND 13
SINGLES FOR 24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER.

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